

University of Tennessee, Knoxville – Fraternal Excellence Awards Spring 2021

Award Categories:

SFL Person of the Year: The nominee for this award must have exhibited exceptional service and leadership to the sorority and fraternity community, their chapter, the university, and demonstrate a high level of scholarship. This award shall go to the man or woman who has bettered the spirit of the sorority and fraternity community. Individuals that receive this award should represent what it truly means to be a fraternity or sorority member. All SFL members, including council executives are eligible.

Nomination Statement: In 500 words or less, summarize why you believe this person to be the best candidate. Be as specific as possible and include details that make this person stand out. This person should demonstrate scholarly academic performance, involvement with their chapter and governing councils, campus, and/or surrounding community.

Chapter President of the Year: The nominee for this award must have exhibited service and leadership to the sorority and fraternity community, their chapter, the campus as a whole, and demonstrate a high level of scholarship. This award shall go to the chapter president who has bettered the spirit of their organization through their leadership.

Nomination Statement: In 500 words or less, please summarize why you believe this person to be the best candidate for this award. Be as specific as possible and include details that make this person stand out. This person should demonstrate a scholarly academic performance, involvement with the chapter, campus, and/or surrounding community.

Outstanding Advisor of the Year: The nominee for this award must be a current volunteer advisor to an IFC/MGC/NPHC/Panhellenic organization. The individual chosen for this award shall have exhibited exceptional guidance and leadership to the chapter they serve, the sorority and fraternity community, and continue to represent the values of the organization they serve as an alumni/a member. OSFL Staff are not eligible for this award.

Nomination Statement: In 500 words or less, summarize why you believe this person to be the best candidate. Be as specific as possible and include details that make this person stand out.

Most Innovative Program of the Year: The program selected for this award is an educational program, sister/brotherhood event, philanthropic or service event, or any other type of program that has been implemented within a chapter or council for its

members during the 2020 calendar year. Programs nominated should be unique, have evidence of its impact or outcome, and generally uphold the values of the specific chapter or council. Collaborations between chapters, offices on campus, or outside community agencies are welcome and accepted.

Nomination Statement: In 500 words or less, summarize why you believe this program to be the most innovative program of the year. Please describe the program in detail and attach any additional information about the program that you feel best describes the need and/or impact of the program.

New Member/Neophyte of the Year: The nominee for this award must have exhibited service and leadership to the sorority and fraternity community, their chapter, the campus, and demonstrate a high level of scholarship. This award shall go to the new member/neophyte who has bettered the spirit of the sorority and fraternity community and their organization through their efforts. **Individuals eligible for this award must have joined their organization during the 2020 calendar year.

Nomination Statement: In 500 words or less, summarize why you believe this person to be the best candidate. Be as specific as possible and include details that make this person stand out. This person should demonstrate a scholarly academic performance, involvement with their chapter and governing councils, campus, and/or surrounding community

Community/Campus Partner Recognition: This is an opportunity for OSFL staff & students to recognize community and campus partners that have greatly contributed to the SFL community at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The mission of this is to recognize the community partners, campus departments, administrators, and faculty members that support the Fraternity & Sorority Experience at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and have contributed highly to its success in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Nomination Statement: In 500 words or less, summarize why you believe this person deserves to be recognized as an outstanding community/campus partner. Please be specific in describing this individual's impact on the SFL community at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Chapter of the Year: This award is the highest organizational award given through the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Organizations eligible for this award must have made a significant contribution to the fraternity and sorority community, university community, and/or surrounding community through the exemplary behavior, service, programming, collaboration, and support. This chapter represents the model of a fraternal organization.

Award Eligibility:

- Chapter must be in good standing with the University and its respective council.
- Chapter must be in good standing with their inter/national organization.
- Chapter must have met all required standards in the 2019-2020 Standards of Fraternal Excellence (SOFE) Program.

Nomination Statement: In a maximum of 1,000 words, please describe how during the 2020 calendar year (January 2020-present) your organization has made a significant contribution to the sorority and fraternity community, university community, and/or outside community, as well as uphold the mission and values of your inter/national organization. (Examples may include academic improvement and support, educational and member development programming, philanthropic and community support, and involvement with the university and surrounding Knoxville community, etc.).

Additional Documentation: Please provide and upload one (1) letter of recommendation in support of your chapter for Chapter of the Year. The letter of recommendation must be written by an alumni/a, graduate, or chapter advisor, a regional or national organization representative, or by the respective council advisor should a local or national representative not be available.

Alumni Hall of Fame: This award is the highest individual award given through the Office of Sorority & Fraternity Life at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Individuals nominated for this award must showcase a commitment to their respective organization's history, values, and mission. It is recommended that they have served in some form of volunteer or other organization focused role out of college, but not required. Individuals nominated for this award must have also shown a commitment and appreciation for The University of Tennessee, Knoxville and the Fraternity & Sorority experience. Any Alumni/Alumnus of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville SFL community is eligible to be nominated for this award. Nominees must have graduated and obtained an undergraduate degree from The University of Tennessee no later than the Spring of 2015, making all nominees at least 5 years removed from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Nomination Statement: In a maximum of 1,000 words, please describe how the nominated individual exhibits the qualities listed above. Please be specific about this individual's contributions as a member and alumni member of the UTK and SFL community. A one-page letter of support is also recommended from either the individual's chapter on campus or a fellow brother/sister from the individual's organization. If current chapter leadership does not have a strong relationship with the nominee, it is suggested that they meet virtually to discuss the chapter, organization, and both parties' involvement and experience in SFL.

Required Additional Documentation/Items: Individuals nominated for this award will also be required to submit a summary/cover letter explaining why they deserve to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and how being part of the SFL community at UTK has impacted them. A 500 word (maximum) biography can also be submitted on behalf of the nominated person in lieu of a cover letter.

Young Alumni Award: The requirements for this award match the “Alumni Hall of Fame” requirements. However, the individual nominated is required to be in current senior standing, on track to graduate at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The student must be in good standing with the university, their chapter, and inter/national organization. Upon graduation, this student will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame, with distinction that they were selected as the single inductee out of all SFL that year as a Young Alumni.

Nomination Statement: In a maximum of 1,000 words, please describe how the nominated individual exhibits the qualities required to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Please be specific about this individual’s contributions as a member of the UTK and SFL community. A one-page letter of support is also required from the individual’s chapter on campus. This letter of support should be written by either the chapter president or chapter/area advisor.

Required Additional Documentation/Items: Individuals nominated for this award will also be required to submit a summary/cover letter explaining why they deserve to be inducted into the Hall of Fame and how being part of the SFL community at UTK has impacted them. A 500 word (maximum) biography can also be submitted on behalf of the nominated person in lieu of a cover letter.

Alumni Chapter/Group Involvement Recognition: The alumni chapters/groups nominated for this award must exhibit a true representation of the organization’s values. This is showcased through a visible commitment to being active as an Alumni group and being connected to the undergraduate chapter at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. While there will not be a physical award for this accolade, the groups chosen will be recognized for their contribution during the 2020-2021 SFL award ceremony.

Nomination Statement: In 500 words or less, summarize why you believe this alumni chapter/group deserves to be recognized. Please be specific and include their contributions to the inter/national organization, the local chapter, and the overall Knoxville community (if applicable). Students are encouraged to nominate their alumni groups for their involvement.

House Director Spotlight: This is an opportunity for students to spotlight their House Directors. While this is not a physical award, the testimonial that the students give will be

read off and presented in the ceremony to show appreciation for the House Director. Only current House Directors are eligible for this spotlight.

Nomination Statement: In 500 words or less, summarize why you believe this person to be the best candidate. Be as specific as possible and include details that make this person stand out.